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Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Astronomical Society of the Pacific, Held at Chabot Observatory, Oakland, California, January 29, 1910.

In the absence of President Campbell, Mr. F. Morse, Third Vice-President of the Society, presided.

The minutes of the preceding meeting were approved.

On motion of Professor C. Burckhalter, the name of Elam C. Brown was presented for membership. Carried.

On motion of Professor R. T. Crawford, the Treasurer was authorized to expend the sum of $30 from the General Fund for the payment of clerical help in the preparation of a general index to the first twenty volumes of the *Publications* of the Society. It was understood that this work was being done under the supervision of Professor R. G. Aitken, of Lick Observatory. Carried.

A resolution was introduced by Professor Crawford, representing the Faculty of the University of California, calling upon the Astronomical Society of the Pacific to nominate, through its President, a committee of three to co-operate with similar committees from other scientific bodies on the Pacific Coast, in the formation of an affiliated organization, for purposes of mutual interest and advantage. The motion was carried, and President Campbell was instructed to appoint such a committee.

Adjourned.

Minutes of the Meeting of the Astronomical Society of the Pacific, Held at Chabot Observatory, Oakland, California, January 29, 1910, at 8 o'Clock.

In the absence of Dr. W. W. Campbell, President of the Society, Mr. F. Morse, Third Vice-President, presided. He introduced as speaker of the evening Professor R. T. Crawford of the University of California, who read a timely and attractive paper on Halley's Comet, illustrated with lantern slides.

The great popular interest felt in the approach of this remarkable object, coupled with the unexpected appearance of Comet *a* 1910 in the western sky during the latter days of January, attracted an audience large enough to comfortably fill the lecture room of the observatory, and the speaker was followed with close attention. He briefly outlined the known history of the comet, told the romantic story of its recognition and the prediction of its return by Halley, indicated its positions and appearance during the coming spring months and allayed the fears, if any existed, of those who feared disaster from collision of the comet with the Earth.